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PRODUCTION OF NUTMEG
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Nutmeg is being produced in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the production recorded during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the farmers are in difficulty due to low price of Nutmeg; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per data available from Spices Board, Cochin, the State-wise production of nutmeg in the country during the last three years are as follows:

(Production in MT)

State	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06 (P)
Kerala	2427	2700	2746
Karnataka	120	151	151
A&N Islands	3	5	5
Total	2550	2856	2902

(P) = Provisional

(c): In Cochin market in Kerala, the average price of nutmeg with shell in the last three years has shown a declining trend though the prices of nutmeg without shell has increased in 2006-07.

Basic data in this regard is shown in the Table below:

(Prices in Rs/Kg)

Year	Average price	
	Nutmeg with shell	Nutmeg without shell
2004-05	106.62	187.79
2005-06	102.34	179.55
2006-07	96.26	188.89

(d): To protect the growers of perishable agricultural and horticultural commodities including nutmeg from un-remunerative prices, there is a scheme called Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) which is implemented on the request of the State Government. No proposal has been received from any State Government in this regard.

Spices Board has been implementing a number of export promotion programmes to increase the export of spices including nutmeg.